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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter; and
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in the Revised Format of the Pre-OG Notice Dated January 31, 2003.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be entered and considered in the above-referenced application. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **January 29, 2003**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 9), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the format approved in the pre-OG Notice dated January 31, 2003, entitled, "Amendments In A Revised Format Now Permitted," and in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;

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- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.